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## **How Much?**

**How much?** How much what? **How much have you been forgiven?** That is a very good question. I will say this without a doubt, "I have been forgiven far more than I can imagine." It seems to me that day by day, as I love and follow and serve you, I become more aware of how much I have forgiven. Having said that, I know that I will never fully comprehend how much I have been forgiven. Your forgiveness is complete. Your forgiveness covers all my past and all my present and all my future. You have not only forgiven me of my sins, but you have also cleansed me of my unrighteousness. You have made it so I am righteous in your sight. My sin, which once was an uncrossable barrier between me and you has been torn down once and for all time. I can now live in an intimate relationship with you. You have filled me with your Spirit. You have given me a new and fresh and clean life to live. You are leading and guiding me through life. You have richly blessed me. Your favor is upon me. You are using me as an instrument in your hands. You are now allowing me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. You have secured a place in heaven that is being kept and guarded for me. All this is part of the great gift of forgiveness that you have given to me. So how much have I been forgiven is not the only question to be asked. You could also ask me how much I have been given. Your salvation includes both forgiven and given. **Yes, it does.**

With all this in mind, I want to tell you that I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I love you with all that is within me. Even being able to love you and to be fully devoted to you is a great gift. Only you made it possible for me to want to love and follow and serve you with all that is within me. For all you have done, are doing and will do for me, I give you all my thanks and praise and love and devotion. **That is very good.** Thank you for being my Savior and Lord.

*Lord, I have been forgiven much. How much? That is a good question. Day by day, as I love and follow and serve you, I become more aware of how much I have been forgiven. Thank you for your kindness, mercy, and love toward me. I love you with all my heart. Amen*

**Promises***Loved Much*

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

NIV

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Shown Much Love*

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NLT

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Shown Great Love*

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

NRSV

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Loved Much*

Then turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss, but she from the moment I came in has not ceased [intermittently] to kiss My feet tenderly and caressingly. You did not anoint My head with [cheap, ordinary] oil, but she has anointed My feet with [costly, rare] perfume. Therefore I tell you, her sins, many [as they are], are forgiven her—because she has loved much. But he who is forgiven little loves little. And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven!

AMP

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Loved Much*

Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

NASB

Luke 7:44-48

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ESV

Luke 7:44-48

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Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

NKJV

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Very Grateful*

Then turning to the woman, but speaking to Simon, he said, "Do you see this woman? I came to your home; you provided no water for my feet, but she rained tears on my feet and dried them with her hair. You gave me no greeting, but from the time I arrived she hasn't quit kissing my feet. You provided nothing for freshening up, but she has soothed my feet with perfume. Impressive, isn't it? She was forgiven many, many sins, and so she is very, very grateful. If the forgiveness is minimal, the gratitude is minimal." Then he spoke to her: "I forgive your sins."

MSG

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Loved Me Much*

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look! See this woman kneeling here! When I entered your home, you didn't bother to offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You refused me the customary kiss of greeting, but she has kissed my feet again and again from the time I first came in. You neglected the usual courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has covered my feet with rare perfume. Therefore her sins—and they are many—are forgiven, for she loved me much; but one who is forgiven little, shows little love." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

TLB

Luke 7:44-48

**Promises***Showed Great Love*

Then Jesus turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she washed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss of greeting, but she has been kissing my feet since I came in. You did not put oil on my head, but she poured perfume on my feet. I tell you that her many sins are forgiven, so she showed great love. But the person who is forgiven only a little will love only a little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

NCV

Luke 7:44-48

# Show Me Much Love

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Luke 7:44-48

**In Context:** Read Luke 7

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I have been forgiven much. How much? That is a good question. Day by day, as I love and follow and serve you, I become more aware of how much I have been forgiven. Thank you for your kindness, mercy, and love toward me. I love you with all my heart. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How has your understanding of how much you have been forgiven grown as you have followed the Lord?**

Why is it always a very good thing to keep how much you have been forgiven in the forefront of your mind?

Why must you always remember that your forgiveness was not earned but was given to you as a gift through Christ?

**How do you, even now, make it a regular ongoing practice to confess your sins to the Lord?**

How is your thankfulness for being forgiven and cleansed of your sins demonstrated through your life?

How has receiving forgiveness and cleansing of your sins given you a passion to love, follow and serve the Lord?

**What are you now doing in your daily life because you love the Lord with all your heart?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow your gratitude for being forgiven much to well up into loving thankfulness to the Lord.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord has forgiven you of much which has given you the desire to love Him much.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how being forgiven much has caused you to love much.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*My you show your love and devotion to the Lord because of all that He has done for you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will show my love and devotion to you because of all that you have done for me.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I show my love and devotion to you today?*

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